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1. SUMMARY: "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WEEK FOR CYPRUS"

MARKING JULY 15, 1974 ANTI-MAKARIOS COUP AND JULY 20

TURKISH INVASION ENDED JULY 20 WITHOUT VIOLENCE. PURPOSE

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OF SOLIDARITY WEEK WAS FOUR FOLD: A) TO FOCUS INTER-

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON CYPRUS AT TIME WHEN GOC FEARS ISSUE IS BEING IGNORED OR GIVEN ONLY LIP SERVICE, B) TO KEEP GREEK CYPRIOT CASE BEFORE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS CONGRESS VOTES ON RENEWAL OF ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, C) TO SHOW MAKARIOS AS ESSENTIAL, UNDISPUTED LEADER OF GREEK CYPRUS, AND D) TO DISTRACT GREEK CYPRIOT POPULACE FROM SOBER REALITIES OF PRESENT PREDICAMENT. HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY GOC. STRESS BY SPEAKERS WAS ON "LONG STRUGGLE", SUPPORT FOR MAKARIOS, EVILS OF OUTSIDE FORCES, AND ABSENCE OF EARLY SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. CROWDS WERE GENERALLY SMALLER THAN EXPECTED AND APATHETIC, REFLECTING NICOSIA'S HEAT AND GENERAL BELIEF THAT NOTHING HOPEFUL FOR GREEK CYPRUS WOULD COME FROM WEEK'S ACTIVITIES. IN NORTH, TURKS CELEBRATED OCCASION JUBILANTLY BUT QUIETLY. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY: WITH EXCEPTION OF MINOR BOMB EXPLOSIONS JULY 15 (NICOSIA 2220), INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WEEK FOR CYPRUS PASSED WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENT OR VIOLENCE ANYWHERE ON ISLAND. GOC GAVE FIRM ORDERS TO SECURITY FORCES AND POLITICAL GROUPS TO KEEP WEEK'S ACTIVITIES PEACEFUL. STRICT SECURITY MEASURES -- ROADBLOCKS AND CAR SEARCHES, HEAVY GUARDS AROUND CERTAIN EMBASSIES, CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD ON ALERT -- WERE MUCH IN EVIDENCE. FEELING OF TENSION HUNG OVER NICOSIA ALL WEEK. GOVERNMENT MADE GOOD ITS PLEDGE TO CONFINE MASS RALLIES TO CENTER CITY METAXAS SQUARE OR OTHER STIPULATED POINTS. AT NO TIME WAS AMERICAN EMBASSY APPROACHED EITHER BY DEMONSTRATIONS OR ISOLATED PROTESTORS. POLICE PROVIDED SPECIAL PATROLS IN FOUR BLACK AREA AROUND CHANCERY.

3. THEMES: WEEK'S SPEAKERS, BOTH CYPRIOT AND FOREIGN, PLUGGED COMMON THEMES: STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE IN CYPRUS WILL BE LONG; MAKARIOS MUST BE SUPPORTED UNANIMOUSLY; UNITY AMONG ALL GREEK CYPRIOTS IS ESSENTIAL; REAL ENEMIES OF CYPRUS ARE "DARK FORCES" FROM OUTSIDE, "UNREFORMED PUTSCHISTS", IMPERIALISM, AND TURK MAINLANDERS (AS DISTINCT FROM TURK CYPRIOTS WITH WHOM GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD POSSIBLY WORK FOR COMMON GOALS.) CALLS FOR UNITY SOMETIMES CLASHED WITH DEMANDS FOR REVENGE AGAINST

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SUPPORTERS OF GREEK JUNTA. INTERNATIONAL STARS OF WEEK WERE GREEK OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS AND S. CHANDRA, CHAIRMAN OF WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, WHOSE SPEECH AT CONCLUDING RALLY JULY 20 WAS INDISTINGUISHABLE IN CONTENT AND TONE FROM THAT OF CYPRUS COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER PAPAIOANNOU.

4. CLAQUES: THROUGHOUT MAKARIOS' SPEECHES ON JULY 15

AND 20, WELL ORGANIZED CLAQUES OF LYSSARIDES' EDEK PARTY WERE IN EVIDENCE (REFS NICOSIA 2223 AND NICOSIA 2271). WELL REHEARSED AND APPARENTLY HAVING COPIES OF SPEECHES, THEIR CHANTS FITTED PERFECTLY INTO ARCHBISHOP'S PRONOUNCEMENTS. THRUST OF CHANTS WAS AGAINST JUNTA AND U.S., LINKING THE TWO; ALSO ON TUESDAY THERE WERE CHANTS AGAINST CLERIDES FOR BEING PRO-GREEK JUNTA. CHANTERS CONSTANTLY CAME OUT WITH SLOGANS IN SUPPORT OF MAKARIOS AND AGAINST CYPRUS' RIGHT-WING. CHANTERS ALSO IN EVIDENCE DURING SPEECH BY GEORGE MAVROS 8FBIS TA 201515Z JUL 75). HIS REFERENCE TO "BIG POWERS" NOT STANDING UP FOR "INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLES LAST YEAR" AND STATEMENT THAT "THEY HAVE EVEN REACHED THE POINT OF DISCUSSING TO GIVE MORE ARMS TO THE INVADERS" WAS GREETED WITH CHANTS "CIA - TREACHERY" AND "THERE IS ONLY ONE ENEMY - "IMPERIALISM." MAKARIOS SKILLFULLY USED CHANTS OF CLAQUE DURING SPEECHES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JULY 20 SPEECH (TA 201030Z JUL 75), FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT BY MAKARITF THAT HE WILL ATTEND HELSINKI CONFERENCE CAME AS RESPONSE TO "MAKARIOS TO MOSCOW" CHANT. IN SAME SPEECH, CLAQUE CHANTED "TRAITORS TO PAY...THE PEOPLE DEMAND DECISIVE PURIFICATION" MAKARIOS REPLIED TO CHANT BY SAYING "PURIFICATION WILL TAKE PLACE." IN THIS MANNER, MAKARIOS WAS ABLE PUBLICLY KEEP PRESSURE ON RIGHT-WING GROUPS WHO ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE OBJECT OF ANY "PURIFICATION."

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5. PARTICIPATION: GREEK CYPRIOT RADIO (CBC) BROADCAST SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PARTICIPATION BY INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS FROM OUTSIDE CYPRUS (TA 182006Z JUL 75 AND TA 191305Z JUL 75). BESIDES MAVROS, INTER-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM GREECE HEADED BY DHIMITRIOS PAPASPIROU WAS HERE FOR THE WEEK. IN ADDITION, 'AZIZ SHARIF, IRAQI MINISTER AND MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDUM AND AD-DIN, DEPUTY CULTURAL MINISTER OF EGYPT WERE ATTENDEES. CBC REPORTED 14 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION, WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS FEDERATION TOOK PART IN THE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES. "NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" FROM 30 COUNTRIES SAID TO HAVE PARTICIPATED. MAIN ACTIVITY WAS AT "CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE" WHICH ISSUED DECLARATION (TA 200740Z JUL 75) CLOSELY FOLLOWING GOC LINE ON TURKISH FAILURE ABIDE BY UN RESOLUTIONS, STATING TURKEY'S POLICY "IN LINE WITH IMPERIALISTS' PLANS TO PARTITION THE ISLAND" IS TO CONSOLIDATE EXISTING  
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SITUATION IN CYPRUS." DECLARATION ALSO URGES U.S. CONGRESS NOT LIFT ARMS EMBARGO TO TURKEY AND CALLS FOR "WORLD-WIDE AND IMMEDIATE BOYCOTT OF GOODS WHICH WERE STOLEN BY THE TURKS FROM THE OCCUPIED PART OF CYPRUS AND SOLD ABROAD."

6. ATMOSPHERICS: ATTENDANCE AT RALLIES, SPEECHES AND INDOOR EVENTS WAS LESS THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. BIG MAKARIOS GATHERINGS JULY 15 AND 20 DREW ONLY ABOUT 20,000 AND 35,000 PARTICIPANTS RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED WITH MAKARIOS' HOME COMING CELEBRATION LAST DECEMBER WHEN MORE THAN 100,000 PERSONS JAMMED INTO ARCHBISHOPRIC SQUARE. WITH EXCEPTION OF EDEK CLAQUES, CROWDS WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. OVER FINAL WEEKEND NICOSIA WAS ALMOST DESERTED, MAJORITY OF CITIZENS HAVING DECAMPED FOR TROODOS MOUNTAINS OR BEACHES IN SEARCH OF RELIEF FROM HEAT AND IN RESPONSE TO RUMORS OF TURKISH MILITARY MOVES. FINALLY, THERE WAS GENERAL APATHY AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS STEMMING FROM SURFEIT OF POLITICAL RHETORIC OVER RECENT MONTHS AND DISBELIEF (EXPRESSED FREQUENTLY TO EMBOFFS) THAT ANYTHING PRODUCTIVE OR HOPEFUL FOR GREEK CYPRUS WOULD COME FROM SOLIDARITY WEEK ACTIVITIES. IN WORDS OF CENTRIST JOURNAL ALITHIA, "...THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO EXPECTED TO HEAR MORE

THAN 'GRAVES' AND 'RUINS'. SOMETHING ABOUT SALVATION AND RESURRECTION. MORE THAN WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW WE THINK THAT THE MANIFESTATIONS WERE POOR IN SUBSTANCE AND CONTENT. THEY WERE JEREMIADS, PAEANS AND ROUSING TRUMPET CALLS. OF COURSE MUCH WAS HEARD ABOUT UNYIELDING OR LONG-TERM STRUGGLES. BUT EVEN SIMPLE PEOPLE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT IT CONCERNS EMPTY WORDS IF NOT PLAIN CONSOLATION." (TA 211840Z JUL 75).

7. TURKISH CELEBRATIONS: MEANWHILE IN NORTH, TURK CYPRIOTS CELEBRATED INVASION ANNIVERSARY AS "PEACE AND FREEDOM DAY.". HIGH (LOW) POINT OF FETE WAS DENKTASH THREAT TO EXPEL REMAINING GREEK CYPRIOTS IF HIS COM-PATRIOTS NOT PERMITTED MOVE NORTH (NICOSIA 2266). LARGE NUMBER MAINLAND DIGNITARIES, HEADED BY DEP PRIME MINISTER FEYZIOGLU, ATTENDED CEREMONIES. PARADES IN NICOSIA AND KYRENIA FEATURED ARMORED CARS, ARTILLERY, ETC., CAPTURED FROM NATIONAL GUARD. MAINLAND TROOP PARTICIPATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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EVENTS WAS LIGHT; TMT DID MOST OF THE MARCHING. CROWDS WERE LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC WITH MANY MAINLAND TURKISH TOURISTS PRESENT. WITH EXCEPTION OF DENKTASH SPEECHES NOTED ABOVE, EVENT WAS FESTIVE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VICTORY. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. TAF OVERFLIGHTS WERE NUMEROUS BUT CONFINED TO NORTH OF KYRENIA MOUNTAIN RANGE.

8. UNFICYP WAS ON ALERT THROUGHOUT ISLAND ALL WEEK. TURK ARMY WAS UNDER ORDERS TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE, REFRAIN FROM ANY PROVOCATION AND BE VIGILANT. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO EXPLORATORY EXCHANGES OF FIRE BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES ON GREEN LINE AS HAD BEEN CASE EOKA DAY (APRIL) AND DURING TENSIONS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. ARMED FORCES ON BOTH SIDES OF LINE HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN CAREFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID TROUBLE. CRAWFORD

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